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REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-14 were pending. Claim 1 is canceled herein. Claims 2-5 are withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected invention.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups.

- Claim 1, drawn to an oxidized collagen, classified in class 530, subclass 350. I.
- II. Claims 2-5, drawn to a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a drug and collagen, classified in class 424, subclass 488.
- Claims 6-14, drawn to a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a drug, collagen, III. and oxidized collagen, classified in class 424, subclass 488.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect Group III comprising Claims 6-14, without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 6-14 are in condition for allowance and an early notification of such is solicited.

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